

**PRESENTERS' BIOGRAPHIES**  
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BRIEFING ON EDUCATION TOPICS

**Dr. Keith Rheault** was appointed by the State Board of Education as Nevada's Superintendent of Public Instruction in March 2004. Since that time, Dr. Rheault has been reappointed as the State Superintendent two times; Dr. Rheault will be eligible for reappointment in 2013. Prior to his appointment as State Superintendent, Dr. Rheault was employed by the Department of Education from 1986 to 2004. Dr. Rheault received a bachelor of science degree in agricultural education and a master of science degree in agricultural education from North Dakota State University. He went on to earn his doctorate degree in agricultural education from Iowa State University. Dr. Rheault also served as an Army officer in Minnesota and in the Iowa National Guard.

**Daniel J. Klaich** rejoined the Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE) in November 2004 as Chief Counsel, became Vice Chancellor for Legal Affairs in February 2005, and Executive Vice Chancellor in 2006. He became Chancellor in July 2009. Mr. Klaich previously served the NSHE as Regent from 1984 to 1997 and served two terms as Chairman of the Board of Regents. Mr. Klaich is a native Nevadan and a 1972 graduate of the University of Nevada, Reno. He received his juris doctorate from the University of Washington and a master's of law in taxation from New York University. Mr. Klaich practiced law in the private sector for almost 30 years in Reno before joining the NSHE. Mr. Klaich is married and has four children and eight grandchildren.

**Crystal Abba** is the Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs and began work for the NSHE in 2002. She is responsible for development of academic and business policies for the NSHE. Prior to working for the NSHE, she worked in the Research Division of the Legislative Counsel Bureau. She received her bachelor's degree from the University of Nevada, Reno, and went on to get her master's degree in business administration from the University of Delaware. Ms. Abba is married and has one child.